

Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 3

THE VIRGINIA COLLEGE.—The University of Virginia and its sister colleges have been centers of learning from which light has been shed over a vast section of country. There are in these schools men who have grown gray in faithful service to the youth of our land. At the University are men whose contributions to literature and science have given them world-wide reputations. The Virginia Military Institute is a marvel of American industry and perseverance, and Col. F. H. Smith, its founder, builder and rebuilder, is simply wonderful in his outliving zeal. Thousands of men, successful in many walks of life, owe testimony to Col. Smith's efficiency as an educator. Can it be that Colonel Smith saw the spark of genius kindled in a preparatory school until he could pass the institute examination, will now turn against his old master? Can he, who doubtless learned the lessons of perseverance and ready grasping of difficult problems, which have brought him nearer to statesmanship than any Virginian of our day, now strike the hand that nourished him in youth? Let those who rule our land beware; let them stay their rash hands ere they venture to attack the halls of learning, as they have done the asylum of misfortune, or being "weighed in the balance and found wanting," they shall call down the wrath and contempt of the civilized world upon their sacrilegious heads.—*Springfield (Mass.) Republican.*

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